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CHURCH COLLEGE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICERS

One of the best yet was the comment made by a number of Church-College Public Relations Officers attending the one-day conference held in Washington, July 10th preceeding the general meeting of ACPRA. The denominational luncheons were well attended.

Dr. James Godard, Executive Director of the Council of Protestant Colleges and Universities spoke at the afternoon session on "Our Job As I See It." He expressed concern over the blurred image of the Christian College today and described the purpose of the C. P. C. U. to enable the Christian Colleges to clarify their purpose and task and stand together for common emphases in American higher education. He stressed the conviction that this could be done while continuing to express individuality and experimentation. He described how much he has been called on already to represent the Protestant Christian colleges. A lively discussion followed in which Hurst Anderson of American University spoke strongly in favor of the Christian college or university clearly stating its commitments and relationships.

In the evening, Martin E. Marty of the Christian Century spoke of "The Christian College in the Contemporary Cultural Scene," using the image of the greenhouse to describe how the early Christian colleges sought to give students a place to stand from which to view the world. The greenhouse door has been ripped off and the cold winds of diverse and contradictory ideas and experience are blowing through. He made a plea for "belief-full" realism that will enable the Christian college to stand for something positive in our pluralistic culture and its values. He suggested one significant contribution as that of unmasking the pretensions of a secular culture that pretends to have no presuppositions of faith. We need to insist that a secular culture be secular and not fog the situation with a confused religiousness.

Milton Smith of Macalester College presented a plan for regional cooperative promotion of National Christian College Day and named regional coordinators to take the lead in various areas.

Copies of the addresses will be mailed to those attending. Other may write for them to the Council of Protestant Colleges and Universities, 1818 R. Street, N.W., Washington 9, D. C.

GRADUATE STUDIES FOR FACULTY

Mahlon A. Miller, President of Union College in Barbourville, Kentucky, describes their two-year old program for financing graduate studies for faculty members as "working to perfection." In this program, money, obtained by soliciting specifically for this purpose, is made available on a loan basis, without interest, to faculty members desiring to pursue pre or post doctoral studies. The amount made available is determined by the need of the applicant, the number of applicants, and the total resources available. The loans are cancelled at a rate of an amount equal to the individual's summer session salary for each subsequent year of ser-

vice to the institution. Thus, for each subsequent year of service, from $650-$1400 is cancelled, depending on the faculty rank of the borrower. In the event the individual does not return to the faculty, the notes become payable on demand with an interest of three percent. To date, twelve persons have participated in the program.

FACULTY TRAVEL

Wofford College (S. C.) now plans a faculty travel program, to begin summer of 1961. One fourth of faculty to be sent abroad, one third of the cost to be borne by the college, one third by Roger Milliken, industrialist, and one third by the professor. The Ford Foundation gave $15,000 to set up the program.

NEW TUITION PLAN

An interesting new system of charging students tuition and other college costs according to pay has been set up by Mary Baldwin College, Staunton, Virginia. The plan calls upon resident students to pay a base charge of $1,000 for room and board and services. To this is added a variable tuition charge ranging from zero to a thousand dollars. The tuition charges are set up in units of one hundred dollars and geared to the ability of the student and family to pay. It is designed to keep college within the range of students with modest means and is called the Tuition Unit Plan.

WORLD TEACHING CONFERENCE WSCF

The World Teaching Conference on the theme "Christ's Ministry to the World and Our Calling Today" was held in Strasbourg, France, July 15-31, and marked the half-way point in the WSCF's six-year emphasis on the Life and Mission of the Church. Participating were nearly 700 persons from more than 70 national student movements as well as from countries where SCM's are not yet established. Approximately half came from the so-called younger church areas of the world; members of most of the major Protestant, Anglican, and Orthodox churches were present.

In addition to worship, lectures, private study, and group discussions under the leadership of tutors, there were special seminars on the Problems of the Big City; Evangelism in the Modern University; Conversion, Personal Decision and Koinonia; Christian Nurture, Word, Sacraments; The Christian Witness in Society; Peace in the Atomic Age; Scandalous Divisions and False Unities; Art and Witness; Uprooted People. Addresses on different aspects of the Incarnation and the Ministry of Christ to the World were given by Richard Shaull (Brazil), D. T. Niles (International Missionary Council, London,) J. L. Hromadka (Czechoslovakia) and Franklin Clarke Fry. The second week of the conference was given to a study of certain aspects of the new situation with which the church is called to life and mission today. The Christian Message to Men without Religion (Kathleen Bliss of Britain), Witness in a Marxist Society (Johannes Hamel of Eastern Germany), Witness in the World of Labour (Masao Takenake of Japan), The Encounter of Christianity and Islam (Kennth Cragg of Jerusalem), Witness amidst Racial and Cultural Tension (Henry Makulu of Northern Rhodesia), and Witness in a de-Christianized Continent (Jose Miguez Bonino of Argentina).

WSCF GENERAL COMMITTEE

During the week immediately following the World Teaching Conference at Strasbourg, about 200 of its participants traveled to Greece to take part in the WSCF General Committee which was held in Anatolia College, Salonica, August 9-23. The General Committee is the governing assembly of WSCF which makes decisions about the life and work of the Federation. In addition to the necessary business sessions and work, all delegates participated in Study Commissions which focused on Politics (The WSCF and SCM's in Politics, Race, Peace), Education (The Theology of Education, Education in a Technological Era, Theological Education), and Christian Community (Worship, Bible Study; Theological Tensions, the Federation and the Ecumenical Movement. Leadership in SCM and in the Federation). Not the least of the significant aspects of this meeting was the opportunity to meet the Orthodox world in Greece.

We may be sure to be hearing much more from the American delegates who had the opportunity to participate in these outstanding sessions and to represent us through the National Student Christian Federation.

STUDENT MOVEMENT MERGER

Another milestone in the student Christian movement of the United States took place in late August at Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri. Here was born the United Campus Christian Fellowship, the merger of the United Student Fellowship ((United Church of Christ), the Disciples Student Fellowship (Disciples of Christ), Westminster Fellowship (United Presbyterian Church, USA), and the Student Fellowship Council (Evangelical United Brethren Church). Nearly 1000 students, campus pastors, and church leaders participated in this great event.

HIGHER EDUCATION REPORT TO METHODIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

The Division of Higher Education of the Methodist Church has issued a leaflet, "General Conference Actions on Higher Education" in which the present work and plans of that church in higher education is outlined. From the "Episcopal Address, April 27, 1960," these interesting reports: "...In line with the recommendations of the last General Conference, two new theological seminaries have been established: the National Methodist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri, and the Methodist Theological School in Ohio in Delaware, Ohio. Westminster Seminary has been moved to a site adjacent to American University in Washington, and has been rechristened Wesley Seminary. The Southern California School of Theology has moved to a new campus and has dedicated two new buildings. Alaska Methodist University has been founded and building begun. Two new colleges in North Carolina have been authorized and projected. California Western in Southern California is a new Methodist college with over six hundred students..." To undergird their work in higher education, the address included this statement: "We believe that we have a responsibility to evangelize the American campus community not only with our present forms of campus ministries but also through the service of well-trained and firmly grounded Christian scholars. The contention for men's minds is an essential part of our total concern for their salvation. The cost for this comes high, but the stakes are higher, for no amount of piety will defend a society against the demoralizing influence of false philosophies and values rampant in the world unless it is joined and nurtured by sound education, essentially religious in character..."

At the Conference, the Council on World Service and Finance endorsed the Board of Education's request that the church continue to have a minimum goal of $1.00 per member for higher education, and 30 cents per member for Welsey Foundations, but that as rapidly as possible the churches go beyond this minimum, and set for themselves a goal of $1.50 per member for higher education and 50 cents per member for Wesley Foundations. This Council also asked the Church to think in terms of a Race Relations offering amounting to not less than $1,000,000 per year for Negro colleges. The General Conference voted $1,000,000 for four years for capital improvements to Negro Colleges.

QUOTABLE QUOTATION

"Nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in our lifetime; therefore we must be saved by hope. Nothing which is true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history; therefore we must be saved by faith. Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone; therefore we are saved by love. No virtuous act is quite as virtuous from the standpoint of our friend or foe as it is from our standpoint. Therefore we must be saved by the final form of love which is forgiveness." - Reinhold Niebuhr, quoted from the New York Times Book Review, June 19, 1960.

FELLOWSHIPS

The Association of American Colleges has announced that the fourth annual edition of Fellowships in the Arts and Sciences will be available in September. This publication is a directory of the sources of support of graduate study and research and lists awards available for over 100 private foundations, government agencies, professional societies, industries, and other sources outside of the universities

themselves. Over 200 programs and 20,000 individual awards are listed. Paper bound $3.00 (Assoc. of American Colleges, 1818 R. Street, N.W. Washington 9, D. C.)

THE COLLEGE STUDENT

Our office receives many inquiries for information on recent studies of the college student. In the July 7, 1960 issue of Higher Education and National Affairs, the American Council on Education call our attention to Social Changes and the College Student, a pamphlet published by the Council's Commission on the College Student. This publication contains six papers that were presented in a symposium at the 1959 Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association and that will appear in the October, 1960, issue of The Educational Record.

Included: "Recent Social Change and Its Impact in Higher Education" by W. C. H. Prentice, professor of psychology and dean of Swarthmore; "Social Change and Student Values" by Philip E. Jacobs, professor of political science at the University of Pennsylvania; the "The Impact of Population Change and Working Force Change on American Education" by Robert J. Havighurst, professor of education at the University of Chicago. Commentaries on the papers are given respectively by Nevitt Sanford, prof. of psychology at the University of California at Berkeley; Joshua A. Fishman, associate professor of psychology and human relations at the University of Pennsylvania, and Donald R. Brown, associate professor of psychology at Bryn Mawr College. (American Council on Education, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington 6, D. C.)

ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY

A most helpful bibliographical aid is the "Administration of Higher Education: An Annotated Bibliography" which contains a basic list of 2708 items which appeared between 1950-1959. It was prepared in consultation with Dr. Walter Crosby Eells, formerly Professor of Education, Stanford University and later Executive Secretary of the American Association of Junior Colleges. A publication, AOE-53002 Bulletin 1960, No. 7, of the Office of Education of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare may be ordered from the Supt. of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. for $1.50.

HOLLOWAY ELECTED BISHOP

Our congratulations go to Dr. Fred Holloway, President of Drew University upon his election as Bishop in the Methodist Church. Bishop Holloway has been a leading spirit in the organization of the Council of Protestant Colleges and Universities and served as its first President.

GOOD WORK

One of the most interesting and profitable aspects of the summer has been visiting some of our Campus Christian Life Strategy Projects. It is most encouraging to catch a glimpse of the excellent work being done at such places as the University of North Dakota (Kenneth Spilman) or the University of Utah (John Wade). Perhaps later we'll have space for more complete reports.

The meeting of the Denominational Board Secretaries in Higher Education to be held in Washington, D. C., October 3rd and 4th will be highlighted by a presentation by Robert H. Reid, author of the recent book on The Diploma Mills and a dinner with the Executive Committee of the Council of Protestant Colleges.

Many thanks to Verlyn Barker for his help during the past several months in the work of D. C. C. L. and other aspects of the Commission. Among his contributions is the assembling of this issue of News Notes and the writing of a new leaflet on the Commission that will be sent out soon.

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